

The Dawes House
Pompton Falls, Passaic County, New Jersey

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Owner: Mrs. Lyda Colfax Dawes

Date of Erection: About 1814

Architect:

Builder: General William Colfax

Present Condition: Good

Number of Stories: Two

Materials of Construction: Foundation - brown stone

Exterior walls - wood construction with bevelled siding and paneled pilasters on the main part

Interior walls - plaster

Originally inside chimneys

Roof - square pitch of standing seam tin

Historical Data:

The house was built by General William Colfax for his son George Washington Colfax, the grandfather of the present owner. It stands about five hundred feet south of the Colfax house. Washington was godfather for the oldest son of General and Esther Schuyler Colfax.

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The front part of the main house and part of the wing to the rear are original, but the wing was enlarged at a date not known to the survey. The kitchen originally was in the basement, but recently a kitchen has been equipped in the first story. The large first story front room was originally two rooms. The rear north chimney of the main part of the house was originally an inside chimney. The present outside chimney with its first story fireplace is comparatively recent.

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